

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A graphical user interface between a client system used by a user to access a
2 computer service and a host system of the computer service, the graphical user interface
3 comprising:

4 a list of other users of the computer service selected by the user as significant to the
5 user, and

6 a list of computer resources stored on the host system by the user.

1 2. The graphical user interface of claim 1, wherein the computer service includes an
2 instant messaging computer service and the list of other users includes presence
3 information for each of the other users.

1 3. The graphical user interface of claim 1, further comprising a supplemental interface
2 related to a computer resource in the list of computer resources, wherein the supplemental
3 interface enables the user to grant access to the computer resource to another user of the
4 computer service.

1 4. The graphical user interface of claim 1, further comprising a list of other users to
2 whom the user has granted access to one of the computer resources stored on the host
3 system by the user.

1 5. The graphical user interface of claim 1, further comprising a list of other users to
2 whom the user has granted the ability to access and modify one of the computer resources
3 stored on the host system by the user.

1 6. The graphical user interface of claim 1, wherein a computer resource is represented
2 by an icon within the graphical user interface.

1 7. The graphical user interface of claim 6, wherein the icon, when selected by the user,
2 activates an application to open the computer resource for the user.

1 8. The graphical user interface of claim 1, wherein at least one computer resource in the
2 list of computer resources is a data file containing text that can be accessed and modified
3 by the user.

1 9. The graphical user interface of claim 8, wherein the at least one computer resource is
2 a data file containing text that can be accessed and modified by another user to whom
3 permission to access and modify the data file has been granted by the user.

1 10. The graphical user interface of claim 1, further comprising a list of links to data
2 content, wherein the links are selected by the user.

1 11. A method comprising:
2 providing a computer service to a user; and
3 displaying a graphical user interface between a client system used by the user to
4 access the computer service and a host system of the computer service, wherein the
5 graphical user interface comprises:
6 a list of other users of the computer service selected by the user as significant
7 to the user, and
8 a list of computer resources stored on the host system by the user.

1 12. The method of claim 11, further comprising:
2 receiving an instruction from the user to grant access to another user of the computer
3 service to a computer resource stored on the host system by the user; and
4 granting access to the other user.

1 13. The method of claim 11, further comprising displaying a list of other users who can
2 access a computer resource stored on the host system by the user.

1 14. The method of claim 11, further comprising:
2 displaying a supplemental interface related to one of the computer resources in the list
3 of computer resources; and

4 in the supplemental interface, displaying a list of other users who have been granted
5 access by the user to the one of the computer resources.

1 15. The method of claim 11, wherein the list of other users includes a list of other users
2 who can access and modify a computer resource stored on the host system by the user.

1 16. The method of claim 11, further comprising:
2 displaying a supplemental interface related to one of the other users in the list of other
3 users; and
4 in the supplemental interface, displaying a list of computer resources to which the one
5 of the other users has been granted access by the user.

1 17. The method of claim 11, wherein a computer resource is represented by an icon
2 within the graphical user interface.

1 18. The method of claim 17, further comprising activating an application to open the
2 computer resource for the user when the icon is selected by the user.

1 19. The method of claim 11, wherein a computer resource in the list of computer
2 resources is a data file containing text that can be modified by the user.

1 20. The method of claim 11, wherein a computer resource in the list of computer
2 resources is a data file containing text that can be accessed and modified by another user
3 to whom permission has been granted by the user to access and modify the data file.

1 21. The method of claim 11, wherein the graphical user interface further comprises a list
2 of links to data content, wherein the links are selected by the user.

1 22. A graphical user interface between a client system used by a user to access a
2 computer service and a host system of the computer service, the graphical user interface
3 comprising:
4 a list of other users of the computer service selected by the user as significant to the

5 user; and

6 a list of links to data content that have been selected by the user.

1 23. The graphical user interface of claim 22, wherein the computer service includes an
2 instant messaging computer service and the list of other users includes presence
3 information for each of the other users.

1 24. The graphical user interface of claim 22, further comprising a list of other users with
2 whom a link has been shared.

1 25. The graphical user interface of claim 22, wherein a database storing the list of links is
2 stored on the host system.

1 26. The graphical user interface of claim 22, wherein a link is represented by an icon
2 within the graphical user interface.

1 27. The graphical user interface of claim 26, wherein the icon, when selected by the user,
2 activates an application to open the link for the user.

1 28. A method comprising:
2 providing a computer service to a user; and
3 displaying a graphical user interface between a client system used by the user to
4 access the computer service and a host system of the computer service, wherein the
5 graphical user interface comprises:
6 a list of other users of the computer service selected by the user as significant
7 to the user, and
8 a list of links to data content, wherein the links are selected by the user.

1 29. The method of claim 28, further comprising:
2 receiving an instruction from the user to inform another user of the computer service
3 about a link within the list of links, wherein the instruction is sent by the user from within

4 the graphical user interface; and
5 informing the other user of the link.

1 30. The method of claim 28, further comprising displaying a list of other users who have
2 been informed about a link within the list of links.

1 31. The method of claim 28, further comprising:
2 displaying a supplemental interface related to one of the links in the list of links; and
3 in the supplemental interface, displaying a list of other users who have been informed
4 about a link within the list of links.

1 32. The method of claim 28, further comprising:
2 displaying a supplemental interface related to one of the other users in the list of other
3 users; and
4 in the supplemental interface, displaying a list of links about which the one of the
5 other users has been informed.

1 33. The method of claim 28, wherein a link is represented by an icon within the graphical
2 user interface.

1 34. The method of claim 33, further comprising activating an application to open the link
2 for the user when the icon is selected by the user.